

SENATE BILL 2195

By Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-114, relative to elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-114, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

() The state coordinator of elections, prior to the 2024 election cycle, shall:

(1) Procure a currency grade hand-marked paper ballot vendor that produces ballots containing a unique voter identifier;

(2) Authorize a county, upon the county's request, to use a currency grade hand-marked paper ballot that contains a unique voter identifier;

(3) Educate county commissioners and voters that such a paper ballot is an option for elections conducted in 2024 and thereafter;

(4) Provide each county utilizing such ballots with an optical digital scanner to make a digital image or artifact of the ballot; and

(5) Provide a state-sponsored website to post all paper ballots in a manner that can be searched using a voter's own unique identifier.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.